



CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA

CITY CLERK'S SUMMARY OF COUNCIL ACTIONS

Regular Meeting of Monday, February 25, 2008 - 7:00 p.m. – Council Chambers

AGENDA

<u>ITEM #</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>ACTION TAKEN</u>
1.	Call to Order/Roll Call	All present except Councilman Garcia. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2.	Invocation	Offered by Councilman Youngs.
	Salute to the Flag	The audience participated.
3.	Awards & Presentations	
3A)	Bruce Felicetti	Mayor Bain presented a plaque to the family of Bruce Felicetti who recently passed away. Mr. Felicetti was recognized as a dedicated employee who served in the Public Works Department for twenty-nine years.
4.	Open Forum:	
	Parking	Mercedes Caruso of 1347 Scott Avenue, Winnetka, Illinois addressed Council about parking at Stafford Park. She is concerned for her mother's safety because cars park across the street in front of her home at 1321 Eastward Drive all night while the occupants are partying. Ms. Caruso asked Council to consider passing an ordinance and to place signs prohibiting parking after 9:00 p.m. when the lights go off at the park.

5. Approval of Council Minutes

- 5A) 02/11/2008 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Meeting were **approved as written.**
Motion: Councilman Best
Second: Vice Mayor Dotson
Vote: 4-0

6. Reports from Boards & Commissions

- 6A) Architectural Review Board Minutes of the February 6, 2008 Architectural Review Board meeting were received for information without comment.
- 6B) Recreation Commission Minutes of the February 12, 2008 Recreation Commission meeting were received for information without comment.
- 6C) Golf and Country Club Advisory Board Minutes of the February 13, 2008 Golf and Country Club Advisory Board meeting were received for information without comment.
- 6D) Board of Parks and Parkways Cancellation Notice of the February 14, 2008 Board of Parks and Parkways meeting was received for information without comment.
- 6E) Education Advisory Board Minutes of the February 19, 2008 Education Advisory Board meeting were received for information without comment.
- 6F) Historic Preservation Board Cancellation Notice of the February 21, 2008 Historic Preservation Board meeting was received for information without comment.
- 6G) Ecology Board Cancellation Notice of the February 26, 2008 Ecology Board meeting was received for information without comment.

7. Public Hearings:

- 7A) Second Reading – Ordinance:
Amending §54-06 – Tree Removal
- On second reading, Council **adopted** an ordinance amending Code of Ordinance Section 54-06, Tree Removal Standards; by Clarifying Tree Exemptions from Mitigation Activities; Adding Mango and Avocado Trees to the Exempted Tree List; Providing a Tree Removal Requirement for Dead or Effectively Destroyed Trees (**Ordinance No. 966-2008**)
Motion: Councilman Best
Second: Vice Mayor Dotson
Vote: 4-0

8. Consent Agenda: None

9. Old Business:

- 9A) Status Report:
New Community Center
- City Manager Borgmann **reported** a delay in receiving the land survey and the geo-tech report, which pushes up the due date for the Request for Proposals responses to April 11, 2008. Roy Rodriguez of TGSV Enterprises, Inc. offered to assist in preparing responses to technical questions posed by prospective contractors at no charge.
- 9B) Extending Election Period
- By **consensus**, Council **agreed** to keep the 45-day election period.
- 9C) Status Report: Transfer of the
Water and Sewer Systems
- City Manager Borgmann **reported** sewer flows increased from 2.8 million gallons to over 5.3 million gallons per day for the last six days, lending further urgency to effect the transfer of the system. The two issues of concern in negotiating the transfer to the County are how City employees will be offered employment and paying off the bond.

Agenda Item 10C considered at this time.

9D) Appointments to Advisory Boards None

Agenda Item 10D considered at this time.

10. New Business:

- 10A) Budget Implications: January 29th
Amendment One Tax Reform
- City Manager Borgmann presented various proposals for budget cuts and ways to increase revenue due to the implications of the Amendment One tax reform. Council **scheduled** a Workshop Meeting for Wednesday, March 26, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss options and come to conclusions before the budget process.
- 10B) Snack Bar at Stafford Park
- Council **approved, as amended**, a letter of agreement with Esteban Gomez to use the new concession stand at Stafford Park to sell non-alcoholic beverages, sports drinks, water, soda, and/or wrapped foods or snacks during all sports seasons for a period of one year.
Motion: Councilman Youngs
Second: Councilman Best
Vote: 4-0
- 10C) Water and Sewer:
Bond Defeasance
- Council waived the Request for Qualifications process and approved the use of Morgan Keegan (Knox Wall Division) to be the City's agent and financial advisor/investment banker responsible for and in charge of the gross defeasance process of the Water & Sewer Bonds series 1998, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.
Motion: Councilman Youngs
Second: Vice Mayor Dotson
Vote: 4-0

10D) Report Regarding Miami-Dade
County Public Schools

Councilman Youngs **reported** on the Miami-Dade County Public Schools 3-year Equity & Access Plan and recommendations and goals designed to ensure that parents and students have reasonable access to high quality, rigorous and proven academic programs.

Eduardo Molliner, Vice Chair of the Education Advisory Board asked Council to consider a safety program to educate students and parents on the dangers of the Internet.

Police Captain Baan said his department is already working on such a program.

Councilman Youngs reported that the School Board Attendance Boundary Committee (ABC) had tentatively approved a few changes, but Miami Springs Middle School was not recommended.

Vice Mayor Dotson said that Councilman Youngs deserves a lot of credit for his great work with the ABC, the Education Advisory Board and the Region 3 Office.

Councilman Youngs reported that City Manager Borgmann has been working on a proposed compact with Miami-Dade County Public Schools and he would also like to participate.

11. Other Business:

None

12. Reports & Recommendations:

12A) City Attorney

None

12B)

City Manager

Dade Days

City Manager Borgmann stated that Miami-Dade County Days in Tallahassee is scheduled for Wednesday, April 9 and Thursday April 10, 2008. He asked those Council members planning to attend to begin coordinating their trip with the City Clerk.

**Miami-Dade County
League of Cities**

City Manager Borgmann announced that the Miami-Dade County League of Cities would hold their Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, March 6, 2008 at the Miami Springs Golf and County Club. Council members planning to attend are requested to respond to the City Clerk by Thursday, February 28th.

Liquid Waste Permit

City Manager Borgmann reported that every year the City is required to secure a permit to haul liquid waste that is removed from the storm drains and since there had been no violations in the past year the \$100.00 permit fee was waived.

Shuttle Bus Service

City Manager Borgmann stated that the shuttle bus had been ordered, the Administration met with the owner of the company to negotiate the contract and the new bus will debut at the Springs River Festival.

Relay for Life Cancer Walk

City Manager Borgmann announced that the Relay for Life Cancer Walk would be held on Saturday, March 1, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Circle. He encouraged everyone to participate and support cancer survivors.

Mayor Bain added that there would be entertainment and food and many people worked hard to make this a successful event.

12B)	Baseball Opening Ceremony	City Manager Borgmann reported that the Little League Baseball opening ceremony will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday March 15 th at Prince Field. He said that it is an exciting time for the kids and a nice community event for everyone to attend.
	Deer Run Traffic Calming	City Manager Borgmann said that the City of Coral Gables has traffic calming devices that slow the speed of traffic down to 20-mph. This could be a solution and he would contact the City of Coral Gables to see if they have specifications.
12C)	City Council	
	Stafford Park Cross Walk	Mayor Bain stated that Commissioner Rebeca Sosa was contacted regarding the specifications for the Stafford Park cross walk and she is very interested in helping.
	Sympathy	Councilman Best referred to Councilman Youngs' invocation and said that prayers are with the Felicetti family in the death of their son and Interim Finance Director Alicia Gonzalez in the death of her mother.
	Tax Reform	Councilman Best stated that Council must take a proactive approach to tax cuts, considering what is really necessary. He knows that funds will be tight, but he would not want to step back in terms of what Council had achieved over the last few years.
	Annexation of Railroad Property	Vice Mayor Dotson was informed by a railroad source that Railway American purchased the Florida East Coast Railroad and that a development company is committed to develop the current rail yard west of Miami Springs. The plans are to extend a road from N. W. 58 th to N. W. 74 th Street across the canal into Ludlam Drive. He would like to confirm the accuracy of this information.

Annexation (Continued)

City Attorney Seiden said that Mayor Bain had contacted him regarding a similar rumor and he contacted Attorney Neisen Kasdin who is going to look into the matter.

Vice Mayor Dotson stated that he wrote a letter to County Commissioner Rebeca Sosa expressing his comments on annexation. He feels that it is important for contiguity to annex the railroad property in order to have control over development.

Speeding Traffic

Vice Mayor Dotson stated that the incoming traffic around the Circle past Starbucks creates a hazardous situation that needs attention.

Police Captain Peter G. Baan reported that steps have already been taken to correct this situation, with a speed limit sign installed in the median and rumble strips placed just past the bridge. The patrol officers have been directed to run the radar once a day on each shift.

Bob Murphy

Vice Mayor Dotson stated that Bob Murphy, a long time resident of Miami Springs that was involved in civic affairs passed away.

Fund Raiser

Councilman Youngs announced that Curtiss Mansion, Inc. is holding a wine and cheese fund raiser on Saturday, March 8th from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Miami Springs Golf and Country Club for \$25.00 per person. For more information call Susan Stinson at 305.885.2499.

Mayor Bain added that the Miami Springs Historical Society is holding a wine and cheese fundraiser on Thursday, March 6th.

- 12C) **Racquetball Court Painting** Mayor Bain asked about the status of the racquetball courts painting project.
- Assistant City Manager Gorland reported that estimates are forthcoming from Public Works because the job requires a lot of preparation.
- Dugouts** Mayor Bain asked for an update on the dugout project.
- Assistant City Manager Gorland stated that the technical requirements and plans are in the process of being reviewed and signed off by the structural inspector on February 27th.
13. **Adjourn** Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.